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**THE JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL'S  
DEPARTMENT**

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1. The Air Force is committed to full compliance with all applicable Federal, state, and local laws and fulfills that commitment through The Judge Advocate General's Department (TJAGD). This directive establishes policies to ensure TJAGD structure, personnel actions, and awards program develop a trained, effective, and motivated organization that is responsive to the legal needs and evolving missions of the US Air Force.
2. TJAGD is composed of The Judge Advocate General and Deputy Judge Advocate General, all other Air Force officers designated as judge advocates, airmen in the legal services career field or assigned duties in judge advocate offices, civilian attorneys and legal services civilians supporting the mission of TJAGD, Air Reserve Force officers designated by The Judge Advocate General as judge advocates, and Air Reserve Force enlisted personnel in the legal services career field or assigned duties in Judge Advocate offices. The Judge Advocate General has the authority and responsibility for assigning judge advocates, and no judge advocate may be assigned to other duties without prior approval of The Judge Advocate General.
3. TJAGD performs duties required by law, directed by the Secretary of the Air Force or the Air Force Chief of Staff, or deemed necessary to provide legal services to the Air Force. Legal services include duties required by law, policy directive, instruction, judge advocate or command authority, or American military custom.
4. This directive establishes the following responsibilities and authorities:
  - 4.1. The Judge Advocate General is responsible for recruiting and selecting all officers and officer candidates for duty as judge advocates on extended active duty and in the Air Force Reserve. The Judge Advocate General is the final selection and approval authority for, and will manage (including prescribing procedures and requirements consistent with law and pertinent Air Force policy), the following judge advocate accession programs: Funded Legal Education Program, Excess Leave Program, Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps judge advocate accession programs (including educational delay), intraservice transfer, interservice transfer, recall, and direct appointment.

4.2. The Judge Advocate General has the sole authority to designate or withdraw designation of an officer as a judge advocate. Likewise, authority to certify or withdraw certification of active duty and reserve judge advocates as competent to perform duties of trial and defense counsel and authority to designate or withdraw designation of military judges rests within the sole discretion of The Judge Advocate General.

4.3. The Judge Advocate General establishes and conducts an annual awards program applicable to members of TJAGD.

4.4. In units of the active duty, Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard in Federal service, unless otherwise specified by The Judge Advocate General, the senior judge advocate on the commander's staff serves as the commander's Staff Judge Advocate, and is responsible for providing legal services to the commander, the commander's staff, and others as appropriate. A staff judge advocate must advise the convening authority of the legal requirement under Title 10, United States Code, Section 806(b) to always communicate directly with the staff judge advocate in the administration of military justice.

**5.** Measures of compliance are described and displayed in **Attachment 1**.

**6.** See **Attachment 2** for publications related to this policy.

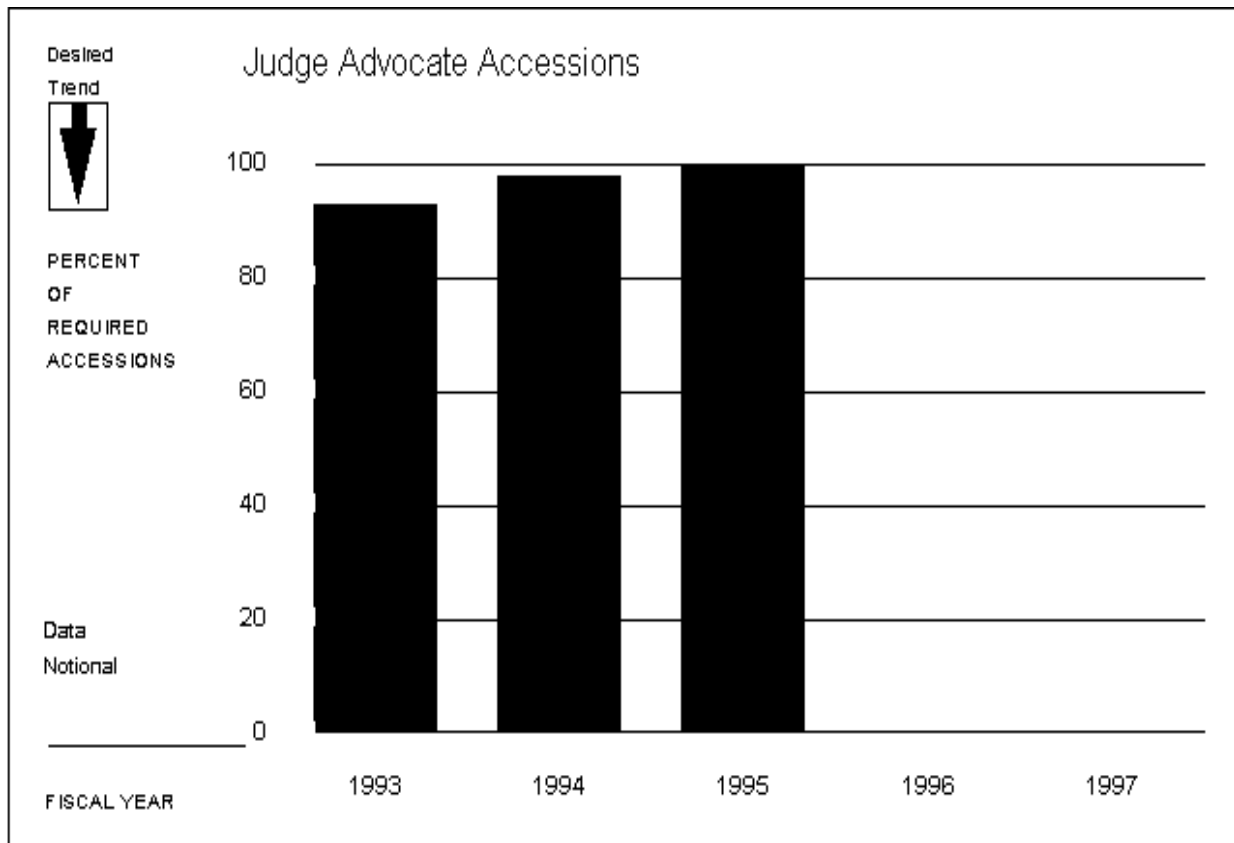
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## Attachment 1

### MEASURING AND DISPLAYING COMPLIANCE WITH POLICY

**A1.1.** Compliance with Judge Advocate accession policy will be measured by assessing the ratio of judge advocates accessed to the number of judge advocates necessary to meet Air Force requirements (**Figure A1.1.**).

**Figure A1.1. Sample Metric of Judge Advocate Accessions.**



## **Attachment 2**

### **IMPLEMENTING AND INTERFACING DOCUMENTS**

#### ***Implemented Publication***

DoD Directive 1322.12, with Change 1, *Funded Legal Education* April 12, 1974

#### ***Interfaced Publication***

AFI 36-2004, *Interservice and Intraservice Transfer* (Formerly AFR 35-39)

AFI 36-2005, *Appointment in Commissioned Grade and Designation and Assignment in Professional Categories* (Formerly AFR 36-15)

AFI 51-101, *Judge Advocate Accession Program* (Formerly AFR 36-7)

AFI 51-102, *The Judge Advocate General's Department* (Formerly AFR 110-1)

AFI 51-103, *Designation and Certification of Judge Advocates* (Formerly AFR 110-9)

AFI 36-2855, *Air Force Judge Advocate Awards Program* (Formerly AFR 900-32)

AFI 51-802, *Assignment of Personnel to Judge Advocate Generals' Department Reserve* (Formerly AFR 45-7)

Title 10, United States Code, Section 8072

Title 10, United States Code, Section 2004

Title 10, United States Code, Sections 826 and 827

Secretary of the Air Force Special Order 111.1, *Functions and Duties of the General Counsel*, January 19, 1993

Secretary of the Air Force Special Order 111.5, *Delineation of Responsibilities of the General Counsel and The Judge Advocate General*, January 19, 1993